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GRIMALDI DEFEATS SEWELL

AN EXCITING FINISH RESULTS IN VICTORY FOR THE KEENE CAST-OFF.

Alamansor Takes the Woodside Steeplechase —Miller's Over-Confidence Loses a Race—Aqueduct Closes Today.

New York, November 14.—The defeat of James B. Brady, Cressina and Sewell made the racing at Aqueduct this afternoon anything but pleasant for the backers. Each one of the three was supported with remarkable confidence, and each just failed to win, finishing in second place. It was in the all-angled handicap that Cressina went down to defeat, and there was just a chance before the red board was displayed that the race would be taken away from Welbourne, the winner. Inside of the last sixteenth he cut across Cressina sharply and Miller was forced to ease the filly up slightly to prevent a foul. Earlier in the race both Cressina and Welbourne had crossed Number One when she seemed to have a winning chance. No claim of foul was made, and there was no delay in hoisting of the "all right" signal.

Sewell was beaten without the help of any interference. Grimaldi, which has greatly improved of late, outgamed the Cesaron colt when it came to the final drive. It was noticeable that Dugan, who rode Sewell, did not have a whip, and many were of the opinion that with such help he would have scored. When going to the post Sewell appeared a trifle sore, but he was looked upon as being so much the best that he was backed with confidence at 9 to 20. After the race he pulled up lame, and Durnell, who has him, said that he was very sound and liable to break down at any time.

Grimaldi, since being purchased by Jerry Wernberg from the Keene Stable, has been trained into a speedy sprinter. He was altered during the summer, and a bit is used that keeps him from running out, a trick that cost him many races while he ran in the Keene colors.

James B. Brady's defeat was one of the surprises, and Miller came in for considerable criticism for his riding of the Farrell colt. A furlong from the finish he appeared to have Rialto well beaten, but Notter went to work with a will and in a long drive got up in time to win by a scant half length. When Notter commenced his ride Miller made no move on James B. Brady, apparently being confident that he already had the race won.

Jimmy Lane has surely gone back. He had no mishaps today, and after making the running in the short course Woodside Steeplechase for selling platters, gave up when challenged by Alamansor, which won going away by a length and a half. Flying Machine, the only other starter, was never a contender.

The tabbed history of the Woodside Steeplechase is as follows:

Year. Winner. A. Wt. Jockey. Val. Time.
1906 Yama Christy.5 150 Finnegan .8 950 4:22½
1907 Alamansor ...6 143 Dupee 940 4:30½

Okenite and Summer Cloud were the only winning favorites. Okenite easily disposed of Glencho and Druid, while Summer Cloud was forced to a hard drive to outlast Ottoman, a 25 to 1 outsider.

J. H. McCormick shipped his New Orleans horses from Gravesend last night. He will campaign a strong string on the southern tracks, taking two carloads with him.

Word was received today that the twenty-four shipped to New Orleans by Fred Burley arrived there in good condition.

Frank Regan and W. O. Decker will ship to Los Angeles Saturday. In the Regan lot will be Go Between, Kilter, Hal, Smirker and Suzerain. Decker will take Gallavant and Adoration.

W. A. McKinney has decided to leave Gulf Ball at Gravesend for the winter. This horse was badly cut down in his last race and will be rested up for the cold months.

PARKVIEW BADLY INJURED.

New Orleans, La., November 14.—A big delegation of turfmen got in today from St. Louis, including Charles and Tod Cella with the booking crews. Sam Adler, of the Cella combination, also came over for a brief inspection of the new Fair Grounds plant.

George Holle arrived today from Nashville with a stable of fifteen head and is quartered at the new track.

Parkview, the promising two-year-old filly that A. F. Mathews bought at the Whitney sale early last fall and raced at Latonia, injured herself severely at City Park while being exercised this morning. She ran through a gate, collided with the fence and was so badly hurt that she will not be able to race until late in the season.

Minor officials at both tracks will be appointed at a meeting tonight. It is understood that those will for the most part be local men.

HORSES BOUGHT FOR EXPORT.

Lexington, Ky., November 14.—Claude M. Thomas of Paris, Ky., has sold to L. Blum for shipment to Mexico the three-year-old bay filly Quintilla, by Pirate of Penzance—Luzetta. Blum has also bought of Turner Bros. the two-year-old bay gelding Wilhurst, by Sempronius—Starlight, and the four-year-old bay gelding Choppy, by Sir Walter, dam by Powhatan.

VARIATIONS OF THE SUBURBAN.

History of the Big Race in Respect to its Changes in Value.

The commendable liberality and enterprise of the Coney Island Jockey Club in increasing the value of the Suburban to \$25,000, draws attention to the variations in value that have marked the history of the big race since it was first run in 1884. That year it had \$2,500 added, and no better field has ever contested it. Twenty of the best horses in America starting, yet the net value to the winner was only \$4,945. The endowment of the Suburban remained at \$2,500 added until 1888, in which year it was increased to \$5,000 added. That was the year that Elkwood won from the western crack, Terra Cotta, by short neck. In 1888 it was changed to a guaranteed value stake of \$10,000. That was Raceland's year, and the stake was run under the same conditions in 1890, when Salvator won, the winner in each year netting \$6,900. In 1891 the value was further increased to \$15,000, and the winner's portion was \$8,900.

Then followed a few years of financial high-water mark for the Suburban. In 1892 it was made a race of the guaranteed value of \$25,000, so that in its recent action the Coney Island Jockey Club is simply restoring its chief handicap to a value it has held before. It fell to Montane that year, and was of the same value in 1893, when Lowlander won. For some reason the sum guaranteed did not prove satisfactory, and in 1894 the Suburban was changed back to the added money system, with the odd sum of \$14,000 as its endowment. The result was \$12,070 to the winner that year, whereas in each of the two preceding years it had been \$17,750. Then came a sudden and radical change. Through poolroom wars, with Peter De Lacy heading the attack, racing was brought into serious danger of destruction, and the alarmed officials of the eastern tracks cut down values to such a great extent that when Lazzarone won the Suburban of 1895, it was a stake of the comparatively insignificant value of \$5,000 added, and, having but twenty-three nominations, brought the winner the net sum of only \$4,730. The scanty entry list shows emphatically with what alarm the eastern racing situation was then viewed by owners generally, a situation that was finally relieved by the enactment of the Percy-Gray law and decisions rendered by the New York courts subsequently in suits brought to test the validity of its provisions.

The Suburban did not begin to again increase materially in value until 1898, when there was a slight gain. It was returned to the guaranteed system in 1896 and made of the value of \$7,500. Henry of Navarre was the first winner under this condition and won \$5,850 net. The value was the same in 1897, when Ben Brush won, but in 1898 it was raised to \$10,000 guaranteed and fell to the western horse Tillo, the change increasing the winner's portion to \$6,800. The Suburban remained at this figure until 1903, but by increasing the winner's portion and diminishing the allotment to the second and third horses, the winner received \$7,800 in 1901 and 1902, when the respective winners were Alcedo and Gold Heels. In 1903 the swelling prosperity and popularity of racing led to a marked change and the event was made a race with \$10,000 added and the splendid three-year-old Africander reaped \$16,490 for his owner when he landed first in front of Herbert and Hunter Raine. This was satisfactory to owners, but the club decided on another change and in 1904 the Suburban was again a guaranteed value stake, this time of the substantial sum of \$20,000, at which it has remained and from which it will be increased by \$5,000 more.

From its first running this great race has always been considered the handicap of American racing. The Brooklyn has usually been of the same value, and in recent years the Brighton Handicap has exceeded it in that regard, but neither has ever held quite such an important place in public estimation as the Suburban. Its frequent and marked fluctuations in value will appear surprising to those followers of the turf who have not kept track of this particular feature of its history. However, whether its monetary return was great or small, owners and trainers have entertained the same opinion of the Suburban as the general public, and annually the greatest horses of each year have been nominated to compete for its honors. The increase to \$25,000 for 1908 will probably bring no more entries than \$20,000 would have done, but it adds to the prestige of the club and is a timely acknowledgement of its abounding prosperity and its willingness to give owners a share of the returns of that prosperity.

The varying net values of the Suburban are shown in detail in the following table:

Year.	Winner.	A. Wt.	Jockey.	Val.	Time.
1884	Gen. Monroe	.6	124	W. Donohue	\$4,945 2:11
1885	Pontiac	...4	102	Olney	5,850 2:09
1886	Troubadour	...4	115	Fitzpatrick	5,697 2:12
1887	Eurus	...4	102	Davis	6,065 2:12
1888	Elkwood	...5	119	Martin	6,812 2:07½
1889	Raceland	...4	120	Garrison	6,900 2:09½
1890	Salvator	...4	127	I. Murphy	6,900 2:06½
1891	Loantaka	...5	110	Bergen	9,900 2:07
1892	Montana	...4	115	Garrison	17,750 2:07½
1893	Lowlander	...5	105	McDermott	17,750 2:06½
1894	Ramapo	...4	120	Taral	12,070 2:06½
1895	Lazzarone	...4	115	Hamilton	4,730 2:07½
1896	H. Navarre	...5	129	Griffith	5,850 2:07
1897	Ben Brush	...4	123	Simms	5,850 2:07½
1898	Tillo	...4	119	Clayton	6,800 2:08½
1899	Imp	...5	114	Turner	6,800 2:08½
1900	Kinley Mack	...4	125	McCue	6,800 2:06½
1901	Alcedo	...4	112	Spencer	7,800 2:05½
1902	Gold Heels	...4	124	Wonderly	7,800 2:05½
1903	Africander	...3	110	Fuller	16,490 2:10½
1904	Hermis	...5	127	Redfern	16,800 2:05
1905	Beldame	...4	123	F. O'Neill	16,800 2:05½
1906	Go Between	...5	116	Shaw	16,800 2:06½
1907	Nealon	...4	113	W. Dugan	16,800 2:06½

LESBIA AND NEXT YEAR'S DERBY.

Crack Daughter of St. Frusquin Deemed a Formidable Candidate.

In all its long history but three fillies have ever won the world-famous Epsom Derby, Sir Charles Bunbury's Eleanor in 1801, Mr. W. Anson's Blink Bonny in 1857 and the Duke of Westminster's Shotover in 1882. But there is a well defined suspicion in England that the Derby of 1908 will bring about another triumph of a filly and here is what "Special Commissioner" says in Sporting Life about the Derby and the filly deemed most likely to succeed:

"During the dreary winter months that lie before us, the relative merits of the candidates for next season's classic honors will form a most interesting subject for discussion. We are confronted with a most piquant situation. The book, for once in a way, practically tells us nothing. If we begin poring over its pages in the hope of getting at the bottom of the whole business, we quickly find that our quest is a hopeless one. At Sandown Park in July, White Eagle gave Rhodora twelve pounds and beat her a head. Mr. Croker and Dr. McCabe said he could not do it, but he did. At Doncaster, Lesbia, receiving the usual three pounds, finished about six lengths in front of Rhodora, and five in front of Vamose. But at Kempton Vamose, after losing two lengths at the start, dead-heated with Lesbia. Then, in the Middle Park Plate Lesbia gives Rhodora seven pounds and completely loses her, and now, a fortnight later, Rhodora wins the Dewhurst Plate in a canter, with Vamose beaten off. Never was there such a tangle. A stranger who had these records put before him, with a request that he would make a handicap, would go mad after about an hour's work at the task. And yet we are all agreed on one thing, which is that Lesbia is the best of her age. In her case there is only one performance requiring an explanation—the one at Kempton. I have mentioned more than once that she was amiss on that occasion. The fact was not discovered until almost the last moment, and I am told that if her number had not already been hoisted in the frame, Sir Daniel Cooper would not have allowed her to run. This, I presume, accounts for the delay there was in saddling the daughter of St. Frusquin and Glare."

"We may take it, therefore, that the true Lesbia was the animal we saw win the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster and the Middle Park Plate in a canter. Two years ago her sister, Flair, was the best of her age, and would most assuredly have won the Derby but for that untimely breakdown; because you will remember that it was only when the impossibility of sending Flair to the post became manifest that Mr. Gilpin set to work to convert Spearmint into a capable substitute. The original intention was to win the Derby with Flair and the Grand Prix de Paris with Spearmint. The latter, as we know, was quite equal to the occasion. And here we have Lesbia quite at the top of the tree, and just as likely to win the Derby as Flair was, assuming that all goes well with her. Sir Daniel Cooper has very wisely decided to turn Lesbia into a paddock during the winter and see what nature will do for her. At the present time her only deficiency is in the matter of height, and that does not appear to trouble her very much. However, if she can be induced to add an inch or two to her stature, so much the better. In 1829 Messrs. Gully and Ridsdale owned a weedy-looking two-year-old, which, nevertheless, seemed to be endowed with good racing ability. Gully consulted Tommy Coleman, a shrewd trainer, as to the best method of treating him, and the advice he received was to turn him out for the winter in a big paddock and there make him exercise himself each day under the persuasive influence of a long whip. "If you do as I tell you," said Coleman, "that colt will win the Derby." Gully was so impressed by this prediction that he took £10,000 to £100 five times about the youngster's chance, and into the paddock he went. It was Little Red Rover. He did not win the Derby, but he ran second to the mighty Priam, which in the opinion of the late John Kent had a greater right than Ormonde to be considered the best horse the nineteenth century produced. Lesbia begins the open-air treatment with infinitely more in her favor than Little Red Rover and so far as it is possible to judge at the present moment, she has a very great chance of being the fourth mare to win the Derby."

VALUABLE PURSES TO PREVAIL.

New York, November 14.—The Coney Island Jockey Club will not confine its attempt to improve racing at Sheepshead Bay next season by merely increasing the value of the Suburban Handicap and some of the other stakes. It has been decided by the executive committee to advance the value of the overnight handicaps to \$1,500 and \$1,800 in added money. No race probably will pay less than \$1,200. The annual gate receipts of the club justify these increases and the executive committee feels that it is only fair to let the horsemen share their prosperity.

The Coney Island Jockey Club has always been liberal and generally when advances in the values of purses are made at Sheepshead Bay, the other metropolitan jockey clubs fall in line. Since the Coney Island Jockey Club gets the best dates of the year and since the attendance at Sheepshead Bay is larger than any other track enjoys, the Coney Island management can of course afford to offer better purses than are hung up elsewhere. These increases will undoubtedly be followed by advances at Gravesend, Brighton, Belmont Park and Saratoga.

GOOD RACING AT OAKLAND

NO STARS, BUT JUST USEFUL EVERYDAY HORSES IN ACTION.

Burning Bush the Only Winning Favorite —Nagazam Beats Some Fast Ones—Long Shots in Front.

Oakland, Cal., November 14.—A single favorite in Burning Bush, at 7 to 5, made good at Oakland today. Friendless and unsupported outsiders, Husky at 10 to 1, Elmdale at 7, Orchid at 5, Bertie A. at 8 and Nagazam at 5, accounted for the other five races.

It was an off day in every respect, due chiefly to an ordinary card, which was dominated by horses of inferior class. The attendance fell off thirty per cent, as compared with the day before. The racing, though uneventful, was interesting enough, but from a betting standpoint acutely unsatisfactory.

Guy Burns' fine horsemanship was the outstanding feature. R. F. Carman's lightweight jockey scored three firsts and two seconds out of five attempts and in at least one instance, on Burning Bush in the second, won with the second best horse in the race. His employer was unable to get more than a tithe of his money down on Progress, the beaten odds-on favorite in the fourth race and the over-cautious ring lost a golden opportunity to enrich itself at Carman's expense.

The board of stewards of the New California Jockey Club held a meeting today. The applications for reinstatement of W. Fischer, jockey, ruled off the turf last spring, C. A. Ross, trainer, and J. C. McLaughlin, owner of the horse Marshay Ney, suspended at the same time, were denied.

E. J. Ramsey's Orchid was bid up from \$400 to \$600 by C. Gustafson after his victory in the fourth race. The owner bid him in.

PROSPECTIVE OUTLAWS WORRIED.

New Orleans, La., November 14.—Alarmed at the extremely likely outlook of being absolutely ignored when they attempt to enter their plugs in the classy races at City Park and Crescent City tracks during the winter season so soon to start, owners of the runners working at the Louisiana track are now excitedly posing several miles up in the air since the report became current that the racing "la Louisiana" is not regarded as wholesome by the two big tracks and that horses running on the half mile course will be outlawed.

The executive committee of the New Orleans Jockey Club, composed of leading turfmen of the country, who operate the two big plants—City Park and Crescent City—does not confirm or deny the report, but will take definite action on the question within the week, deciding whether or not they will be able to

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TELEGRAPHIC FORM.

The horses which seem best in Friday's races are:

Aqueduct—New York, November 14.

- 1—Hessian, Suffrage, Bat Masterson.
- 2—Bad News, Merry England, Kiltie.
- 3—Aimee C. Whidden, Queen's Souvenir.
- 4—McCarter, Gretta Green, Faust.
- 5—Yorkist, Flawaway, Stoney Lee.
- 6—Onatassa, Red Bonnet, Duke of Bridgewater.

Oakland—Oakland, Cal., November 14.

- 1—San Gil, Marian Casey, Last Go.
- 2—Money Muss, E. M. Brattain, Peiham.
- 3—Huernano, Big Store, Palomen.
- 4—Proper, Rifleman, Gemini.
- 5—Redwood II, Lord of the Vale, The Captain.
- 6—Pajaroita, Blondy, Creston.

H. Forsland.

NICOL CONTEMPLATES RETIRING.

It is reported that jockey Dave Nicol has decided to quit riding at the close of the winter season at New Orleans. He is reported as saying that the past year has been the best he has experienced in the saddle, but that he would be forced to quit on account of increased weight. He is contemplating the establishment of a stable of his own, but will probably spend next season, if he retires, watching the races from the grandstand.

LOUISVILLE'S YEARLING SON SOLD.

Louisville, Ky., November 14.—H. M. Ziegler of Cincinnati has bought of Howard McCorkle the yearling black colt by Lamplighter—Louisville. Price private. Louisville, the dam of the youngster, won twenty-six races, and was recently sold to Catesby Woodford.

SOME CHALLENGED DERBY WINNERS.

Sensational Incidents Following the Running of the Greatest of Races.

Sporting men are fond of saying that the records of the Derby are the cleanest in the annals of the turf. Such, however, is not the case.

In the earlier days of what has now become a great national equine contest, matters on the turf were conducted in a somewhat lax manner, says Tid-Bits. The stringent rules and strict supervision of the Jockey Club at present prevailing preclude the possibility of a fraud being carried out in the Derby nowadays.

The minutest detail of each thoroughbred from the day of its birth and its family history is contained in its dossier held by the racing authorities.

The first Derby disputed was that won by St. Giles in 1832. Directly the horses had passed the post, the owner of the second lodged an objection against the winner on the ground of wrong description. This amazing allegation caused an immense sensation at the time.

Three prominent sportsmen were called in to adjudicate upon the merits of the case and, after hearing the evidence pro and con, decided in favor of St. Giles, to the great delight of the horse's Yorkshire owner, who had won a fortune over the race.

Seven years elapsed ere another Derby winner was challenged, and the classic event was that year notable for many interesting reasons. This was the second occasion upon which the public were carried to Epsom by rail, and the crowd was so great that the railway arrangements broke down.

Snow and sleet fell on Hermit's Derby day, before and after the race; St. Amant won in a terrible tropical thunder storm; but Bloomsbury had to fight his way to the winning post through a blinding snowstorm. He had never run on a race course before.

The snow-sprinkled spectators received a rude shock shortly after Bloomsbury's success, for the horse was objected to on the ground that his pedigree differed from the description in the official "Calendar" and the "Stud Book." The Epsom stewards speedily investigated the matter and decided in favor of the winner.

Mr. Craven, the owner of the second horse, Deception, was not satisfied, and warned the stakeholders not to pay over the value of the race (\$20,500) to the owner of Bloomsbury. Not only that, he made the matter the subject of a lawsuit, in which he, after a long delay, again finished second, the judge deciding against him.

The year after Bloomsbury's exciting "Blue Ribbon" the late Queen Victoria, accompanied by Prince Albert, visited the Derby for the first time after her coronation. The horse that won upon this historic occasion was Little Wonder, an outsider, at pounds to shillings against. This was the smallest animal that ever carried off the great race, and it was rumored before the event that he was more than three years old, the race being confined to horses of that age.

It was roundly stated in expert circles that he was, indeed, three years above the age limit, and everyone expected and some dreaded an objection to be laid on these grounds after the judge had given his verdict.

It was alleged at the time that Lord Westminister, whose Launcelot finished second, refused to lodge one. The famous jockey, W. Scott, who rode four Derby winners, had the mount on the second, and when, after rounding Tattenham Corner he saw that Little Wonder had the race in hand, he offered that horse's rider \$5,000 to stop him, having backed his own mount, which was favorite, to win him a lot of money.

"You're too late, Mr. Scott; too late," shouted Little Wonder's jockey over his shoulder as he shot to the front.

The most notorious Derby on record was that of 1844, when a horse called Running Rein finished first past the post, with Colonel Peel's Orlando second. The winner belonged to a cunning betting clique. Influential turfites had received mysterious, yet convincing, information that Running Rein was not the horse he was claimed to be by his nominators, but an older horse. Immediately the race was over, the owner of the second, Colonel Peel—another of whose horses, Ionian, had, by the way, finished third—claimed the stakes.

Messrs. Weatherby were compelled—in view of a lawsuit in connection with the scandal—to pay them into court. The guiding spirit of the turf in those days was the popular Lord George Bentinck, and his patient investigations ferreted out the plot.

It was eventually proved beyond all doubt at the trial, that Running Rein was, in fact, a four-year-old colt named Maccabeus. A verdict in accordance with the weight of evidence was given by the judge and Orlando became the winner.

The Derby of 1857, won by the famous Yorkshire mare Blink Bonny, gave rise to a great deal of acrimonious discussion. The race resulted in a magnificent finish, the judge declaring that Blink Bonny had won by a neck from Black Tommy, with Adams, another neck away, third. Few, indeed, of the spectators—with the exception of those who had won money over the winner—were satisfied with the official placings. The majority vowed that Black Tommy had won, and the remainder that Adams was the winner. The owner of the latter declared to his dying day that he had been robbed of the Derby, and his jockey, Covey, was similarly confident that he had won. Had the verdict been given to either the second or third in this disputed Derby, their respective owners would have landed a fortune in bets.

The victory of the rank outsider, a 40 to 1 chance, Caractacus, forty-five years ago, gave rise to several sensational incidents. The horse was, it is said, trained on a London common and stabled in a public-house stall. His attendant and stable boy, named Parsons, who begged for the mount in the Derby, failed to draw the weight upon returning to scale after finishing first past the winning post.

When the bridle was requisitioned he just managed to pass the clerk of the scales. After a long delay the "All right" was called and the small bookmakers paid the winners their money. But Caractacus had not yet got the race, for he had to run the gauntlet of an objection lodged by Lord Stamford on the ground that the start had taken place sixty yards in front of the appointed starting post, and that his horse, Ensign, and several others had been practically left when the starter dropped his flag.

The stewards of the Jockey Club, among whom was the celebrated Admiral Rous, investigated the complaint. The result was that they severely reprimanded Mr. McGeorge, the starter, and informed him that a repetition of the offense would lead to his instant dismissal.

According to the "Rules of Racing," Lord Stamford's objection was lodged a few minutes after the stipulated time allowed for making it. Had he not been too late the race must have been declared void and run over again. It may be mentioned that

the owner of Caractacus, who won, in addition to the stakes of about \$32,500, \$125,000 over the race, settled \$500 a year for life on the stable boy who rode his horse to victory. The successful jockey died in a London hospital a few weeks ago.

Another Derby in which the judge's verdict was called into question by the spectators was that of 1869, when Pretender, ridden by John Osborne, beat Pero Gomez by a head. Thousands of people who were confident that the second had won were exultant when Pero Gomez won the subsequent St. Leger and the doubtful Derby winner was not in the first three. Pretender's jockey is still alive, and he told the writer not long ago that he thought he had "just won."

A few weeks after the late Duke of Westminster's Bend Or—the sire of Ormonde—beat Robert the Devil by a head, a tremendous sensation was caused in the sporting world by the owner of the second lodging an objection. A discharged stud groom averred that Bend Or was a changeling and not the one described, but a horse called Tadcaster. After exhaustively considering the evidence brought forward, the Epsom stewards decided that Bend Or was actually the horse he was claimed to be. The public will not readily forget the consternation created by the objection. It may be mentioned that the stud groom who made the allegation declared on his death bed a few years ago that his statement was absolutely true.

WESTERN TRACK BUILDERS EXCEL.

H. M. Mason, the veteran owner and trainer, who is now handling W. O'Brien Macdonough's string at Emeryville, has long been recognized as an authority on breeding and all matters pertaining to racing. A few days ago, in a slight respite following his morning's work at Oakland, the veteran explained how the west was teaching the east to build race tracks:

"In the opinion of a great many horsemen, the tracks have improved as much or more than the horses in the last thirty-five years," he said.

"If the weights carried had not gone up in the scale several pounds in the same period there would be no room for an argument. But even with the present adjustment of weights, we must look back to the time when in the early seventies a horse like Longfellow stepped the first mile in 1:40 and the one and one-quarter in 2:07, in a race of over two miles, and this over the regulation mile course at Saratoga, which was deep and sandy.

"The mile record over the track at the time was about 1:43.

"Such a performance would be creditable today over the Sheepshead Bay course, which is at least three seconds fast over the Saratoga track of 1871.

"Only a few years ago when a horse worked a mile at Sheepshead Bay in 1:42 or Gravesend in 1:43 he was considered a betting proposition. But now conditions have changed, and a horse that could do no better than the above would not be backed to win a race among the cheapest platters.

"Now, why the change, and where did it come from?

"Undoubtedly from the west.

"A few years ago the superintendents of tracks east had to have a cushion of from two to three and one-half inches, or the trainers would all be grumbling, and state that the track was too hard and their horses were in danger of breaking down. Whereas, for a fact, they were breaking them down in the heavy going. The western folks have in the last few years raced more in the east and have finally convinced the eastern horsemen that the deep track is harder on the tendons and will break a horse down much quicker than a light, fast track, with an inch or less cushion.

"I honestly believe that Longfellow would have run one and one-quarter miles over Belmont Park as it is today in two minutes, or very close to it.

"However, this is only supposition and personal opinion, taken from observation of the great improvement in race tracks in the time above mentioned.

"Time, however, must not be taken too seriously; it is very treacherous and apt to deceive us. On this side of the Atlantic we have acquired the very bad habit of running after time records. For instance, everybody was talking about Broomstick winning the Brighton Handicap in 2:02 and a fraction, with about 104 pounds on him, but they lose sight altogether of the grand horse he beat a head, giving him a lot of weight, who actually ran one-eighth of a mile after he broke down. I refer to Irish Lad.

"The horse that finishes third or fourth under adverse conditions is the real hero in many cases, but the guides and the public howl and cheer for the one whose number goes up, with nothing on his back."

BETTING AT OAKLAND.

"From the speculative standpoint the opening was a huge success. Some fear had been entertained in view of the recent financial flurry that there might be a falling off in the betting, in consequence of which some of the bookmakers who were on the ground did not cut in, preferring to await developments. The developments were of a sort that made them wish they had gone on. The betting ring never held a more eager mob of speculators than it did on this first day. At times the crush was so great that it was well-nigh impossible for anybody to get down a bet unless he happened to be in the immediate vicinity of a book, and bettors had actually to fight their way to the booths. The twenty-eight layers who were in line in the big ring, besides the combination and two field books, had all the business they could handle. One and all reported a great volume of small bets.

"The use of clearing house certificates for wagering was resorted to but little. Those who bet gold and currency received gold or currency in the settlement of winning wagers, while those from whom the layers accepted certificates were paid off in certificates. Certificates were accepted as readily by the bookies as were wagers in gold and currency, a distinguishing mark being placed on the tickets issued to the bettors which effectively prevented any confusion in the settlement of accounts.

"As is usual on big days, there was a noticeable absence of heavy wagering, the big bettors following their rule of letting the public do most of the betting on such occasions. The leading layers agreed that the volume of speculation was greater than it was on opening day a year ago."—San Francisco Call.

ARE GOOD TO BET WITH.

One feature of the betting at Oakland on the opening day, the San Francisco Chronicle says: "The new currency—those clearing-house certificates—were a distinct success. There were few of the books that refused to accept them, and the bettors had no trouble in backing their choices merely because they had paper money instead of the gold. Men who bet the certificates got them back with some added if they won, but they were satisfied with any kind of wealth, and not a murmur was heard."

SANTA ANITA PARK IS ITS NAME.

New Track at Arcadia Named After "Lucky" Baldwin's Famous Ranch.

Los Angeles, Cal., November 11.—There will be no meeting at Ascot

Oakland Entries and Past Performances for Friday, November 15.

WEATHER CLEAR. TRACK FAST.

OAKLAND ENTRIES.

Racing starts at 1:40 p.m. (Chicago time, 3:40.)

X Runs well in mud. Superior mud runner.

First Race—5-8 Mile.

2-year-olds. Maidens. Special Weights.

(Track record: 29952—591—2—109.)

Ind. Horses. A. Wt. Hdp.

71398... Marian Casey 109 725

71806... San Gil 109 720

69533... Last Go 109 715

67325... Queen Bessie 109 715

66711... Lady Bach 109 710

70542... Friar of Elgin 109 705

69502... Abe Ruef 109 700

Liddington, b. c. by Lamp-

Lighter—Alvaretta 112.....

Sainwa, b. c. by Sain—Ottawa

wa 109.....

Fern L., b. f. by Dewey or

Otis—King's Lady 109.....

Pluvia, ch. f. by Cactus II.—

Sun Shower 109.....

Sombrero, br. c. by Galveston—

—Clara Wilson 109.....

Second Race—5-8 Mile.

4-year-olds and upward. Selling.

(Track record: 29952—591—2—109.)

71826... Money Muss 9. 124. 725

69504... Titus II 7. 119. 720

69582... Bill Mayham 10. 124. 715

71816... Pelham 5. 124. 715

71826... Salvage 5. 124. 715

69649... Golden Rule 10. 124. 710

69154... E. M. Brattain 8. 124. 705

69336... Ultima 8. 124. 705

69430... Yo San 6. 124. 700

61837... Princess David 5. 124. 700

65804... Whiskers 8. 124. 695

Third Race—7-8 Mile.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

(Track record: 59462—1:25—3—88.)

69619... Huergano 3. 100. 725

67974... St. Albans	3. 104.	720
60535... Benlada	3. 104.	715
71815... Palemon	3. 112.	715
71815... Big Store	3. 109.	710
71830... Clamor	3. 109.	710
69244... Ambitious	4. 104.	710
68143... Vinton	3. 109.	705
69638... All Ablaze	3. 109.	705
68955... Remember	3. 109.	700

Fourth Race—Futurity Course.

(170 feet less than 3-4 mile.)

3-year-olds and upward. Handicap.

(Track record: 71817—1:08—2—99.)

71257... Rapid Water	6. 114.	750
69339... Gemmell	3. 100.	745
67484... Proper	7. 116.	740
70599... Rifleman	3. 101.	735
71843... Silver Stocking	3. 95.	735
71831... May L. N.	3. 97.	730

Fifth Race—1 1-16 Miles.

4-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

(Track record: 69580—1:45—4—99.)

71840... Redwood II	4. 109.	725
69506... Lord of the Vale	7. 104.	720
71839... Sahara	4. 109.	715
71839... Chanceller Walworth	4. 109.	715
71839... The Captain	7. 109.	710

Sixth Race—Futurity Course.

(170 feet less than 3-4 mile.)

All Ages. Special Weights.

(Track record: 71817—1:08—2—99.)

71827... PAJARITA	2. 89.	750
71829... Blondy	3. 107.	745
71843... Native Son	3. 104.	740
71817... Creston	2. 89.	740

71843... Ovelando	3. 107.	735
71807... Ocean Shore	3. 104.	735

LATEST PERFORMANCES OF HORSES ENTERED TODAY.

FIRST RACE—5-8 Mile. 2-year-olds. Maidens. Special Weights. (29952—591—2—109.)

Index Course	DistTimeTckOdds	Wt	St	S	T	%	StrFin	Jockeys	Best Company
MARIAN CASEY, b. f. 2, by Star Ruby—Aura II. (S. C. Hildreth).	Weight today 109.								
71398... Belmont	5½ f 1:07 fast	200	111	2	7	8	9	9½ Bedell	Parkview, Imitator, Lady Corinne,
70507... Saratoga	5½ f 1:08 fast	60	102	12	13	13	13	Brussel Kerry, Thomas Calhoun, Sussex.	
70471... Saratoga	5½ f 1:08 fast	50	117	17	17	17	17	E Dugan Big Chief, Polly Wats, Bellwether.	
70412... Saratoga	5½ f 1:08 fast	50	107	7	8	8	9	9½ Beckman Incognito, Onatassa, Fort Johnson.	
70381... Saratoga	5½ f 1:07 fast	20	107	8	8	8	8	8½ Notter Explosion, Miss Delaney, Boema.	

SAN GIL, b. g. 2, by Indio—Zuleika (Keene Bros.).	Weight today 109.
71806... Oakland	5-8 5¾ fast 30 102 4 3 3 5½ 4½ Scoville Magazine, Pajaroita, Gene Russell
67890... Oakland	4½ f 5¾ slow 13 103 4 3 3 5½ 4½ Scoville Firestone, Walter Miller, Wilmore.
67881... Oakland	1-2 5½ stop 2 109 4 7 6 7 6½ Scoville Arthur Hyman, Rustler, Macall.

LAST GO, b. f. 2, by Hastings—Her Grace (F. W. Healey).	Weight today 109.
69535... Oakland	1-2 48½ fast 10 110 10 8 8 8 F. Phillips
69602... Oakland	1-2 49½ fast 5 112 2 5 4 4½ P. Phillips

QUEEN BESSIE, br. f. 2, by Woolsthorpe—Lady Philara (J. Korzeniewski).	Weight today 109.
67235... F. Grounds	1-2 50½ hvy 95 6 5 5 5½ Bilac Elvira M., Dick Rose, Gremse.
67249... F. Grounds	3 1-2 f 44 slow 111 5 8 8½ Hogg Lady Caroline II., Gremse, Balooee.
67215... F. Grounds	1-2 49½ slow 12 112 5 9 9 9½ J. Daly Convenient, Gremse, Lute Foster.

LADY BACHÉ, br. f. 2, by St. Avonicus—Mamie G. (J. D. Millin).	Weight today 109.
66711... Oakland	3½ f 44½ mud 50 111 10 9 9½ J. McBride

FRIAR OF ELGIN, br. g. 2, by The Friar—Belle of Elgin (R. F. Carman).	Weight today 109.
70542... Saratoga	5½ f 1:09 slow 100 99 7 7 11 11 Brussel KingFolly, Q.Souvenir, J.B. Brady.

ABE RUEF, b. c. 2, by Kismet—Marie C. (J. H. Spratt).	Weight today 109.

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ONLY BACKS THE WINNING HORSES.

New Method of Betting on the Races Becoming Popular in England.

A new system of backing the races has been inaugurated in some of the London clubs, which, in default of a better name, is known as the "Option Accumulator." In this country it would probably be called an option parlay, and is, all in all, a novel idea, as the bettor backs every winner at the post price.

The modus operandi is as follows: In the starting price offices which go into this option business the bettor purchases for \$125 a penny accumulator on all the winners of a meeting. If the parlay thus started does not total \$125 on all the races run during the meeting the bettor loses the difference. On the other hand, he is entitled to all over the \$125 which may accumulate on the parlay.

The success or failure of the player depends entirely on the prices quoted against the winners. In the case of a succession of short-priced favorites winning the original bet of a penny would hardly parlay into an amount equal to the option. On the other hand, with a few horses at good prices winning the parlay would soon exceed the price of the option even from such a small beginning as one penny.

It is on record that a certain young nobleman won something over \$3,000 at a recent three-day meeting on his "accumulative option." At the recent Gatwick meeting of two days the net profit to the bettor would have been in excess of \$1,500.

One of the features of this system of betting is that one does not have to follow a favorite taster or exercise any ingenuity whatever in finding winners. He simply sits by and watches the prices, for he is in the proud position of being on every winner of the meeting at the starting price.

This manner of betting is made to include entire meetings, from the fact that few of the meetings exceed three days in duration, while a majority are for two days only and frequently only for one day.

STALL RESERVATIONS AT ARCADIA.

The following owners have reserved stalls to the number following their names at Arcadia and a number of them have already arrived with their horses. It is reported that there will be fully 800 horses on the grounds when the meeting opens:

Owner	Horses	Owner	Horses
R. L. Thomas	42	W. D. Millard	6
P. T. Chinn	25	White & Wymick	6
R. D. Williams	25	G. W. Scott	6
James Boden	25	Phil King	6
William Walker	24	G. T. Hutton	6
S. C. Hildreth	20	T. O. Webber	6
E. Wright	20	J. D. Brown	6
H. T. Griffith	16	F. Wallhauser	6
Ed Alvey	15	R. H. Harris	5
J. B. Dunn	15	T. H. Williams	5
George J. Long	15	Lamb Bros.	5
G. W. Baldwin	14	M. L. Abbott	5
O. E. Ware	14	A. Sproule	5
A. G. Dunlop	13	Schnubach & Stowe	5
W. Gabriel	13	G. Murphy	5
J. M. Stokes	12	J. F. McCauley	5
J. E. Cushing	12	H. T. Batchelder	4
A. Newman	12	A. Motheral	4
C. McDonald	11	J. Hards	4
W. St. Vincent	11	I. H. Miller	4
James Carl	11	Dave McDaniel	4
W. Chamberlain	11	Early Wright	4
W. T. Anderson	10	W. H. Mosby	4
F. E. Brown	10	C. McDowell	3
M. Donovan	10	W. H. Sperling	3
C. V. Tupper	10	A. Hullcoat	3
Dick Linnell	10	C. E. Rogers	3
John Shields	10	W. P. Maxwell	3
F. J. Kelly	9	J. J. Quinlan	3
C. C. Ricks	8	D. Bridges	3
George Durker	8	F. T. Wood	3
L. Landry	8	Rice & Rice	3
J. W. Blacock	8	R. D. Restorick	2
Arthur Bennett	8	B. F. Hobart	2
Tholl Bros.	8	L. Glasscock	2
J. M. Stowe	7	Dan Connolly	2
G. W. Williams	6	B. Ransom	1
F. Farrar	6	A. Goodin	1
G. Summers	6	J. C. Wever	1

JOCKEYS HANDICAPPED.

Daily Racing Form will publish from time to time a table of the rating of the jockeys riding on American tracks, based on their performances in the saddle. The best riders will be given the uniform rating of 100, and from that point the others will be graded down according to their estimated relative skill. For a difference of five points between the jockeys, three points change in the handicap figures assigned the horses in any race must be made. Only riders frequently in the saddle will be given a place in the table. The following is the present rating:

Alarie	80	Knaack	75
Alex, H.	80	Knapp, W.	100
Allen, W.	85	Knopf	80
Amidon	75	Koerner, C.	100
Anderson, H.	80	Koerner, T.	75
Andress, W.	75	Kunz	85
Appleby	75	Lang	75
Archibald, A.	75	Lawrence	85
Armstrong, D.	75	Lee, A.	75
Aubuchon	95	Lee, J.	95
Bailey, L.	75	Leeds	75
Baker, C.	75	Liebert	85
Baker, J.	80	Leine	75
Barnett, J.	80	Lenahan	75
Battiste, F.	80	Lenderwig	75
Beckman	85	Lloyd	90
Bedell	85	Loague	80
Benson	75	Locke	75
Bergen, J.	75	Lowe, R.	85
Berry	75	Lycurgus	85
Bilac	85	Lynch, E.	80
Blair, M.	75	Mahay	75
Blumenthal	75	Mahon	75
Boadwee	80	Mallin, J.	80
Boiesen	80	Manders	85
Boland, D.	90	Marshall	75
Booker, A. W.	90	Marsters	75
Booker, C.	80	Martin, A.	55
Borel	80	Martin, E.	80
Boyd	75	Martin, J.	100
Boyle	75	McBride, J.	85
Brady, C.	75	McCabe	75
Brandt	80	McCahey	80
Brooks	75	McCarthy, D.	85
Brown, A.	90	McClain	80
Brusel	85	McDadden	95
Buchanan, W.	90	McFadden	75
Bullman	95	McGee, W.	85
Burns, G.	85	McIntyre, J.	85
Burns, W.	75	McIntyre, W.	90
Burton, B.	80	McNamara	75
Burton, F.	80	McLaughlin, G.	75
Butler, J.	80	McLaughlin, J.	85
Butwell	80	McMahon	75
Buxton	80	McRae	80
Callahan	80	Medlicott	75
Calius	80	Mentry	80
Carroll, Jas.	80	Mercado	75
Carroll, John	75	Mewes	75
Carter, T. B.	75	Miller, C.	80
Cashin	75	Miller, W.	100
Cavanagh	75	Milligan	75
Chandler, O.	75	Minder	90
Chandler, T.	75	Mitchell	85
Charboneau	75	Moesel	80
Cherry	85	Moran	75
Christian	75	Moreland	90
Christie	75	Morgan, A.	75
Clare	75	Moriarity	85
Clark, J.	75	Moore, R.	75
Clark, T.	90	Morris, C.	85
Clausen	80	Mountain	100
Cline	75	Mulcahy	80
Coane	75	Muller	75
Conley, Jess	80	Murphy, J.	80
Conley, John	85	Murphy, M.	75
Connin, J.	75	Musgrave	85
Connelly, J.	75	Narvaez	75
Conway, J.	75	Neal	75
Cook, O.	75	Neubert	75
Crimmins	85	Nichols, G.	75
Cullen	75	Nichols, L.	85
Dale, J.	80	Nicol	100
Daly, J.	85	Noone	80
Dausa	75	Notter	90
Davenport	75	Notting	95
Davis, B.	80	O'Brien, E.	75
Davis, R.	80	O'Brien, J.	80
Davis, T.	80	Onley	75
Dearnor	80	Oregar	85
Delaby	90	Ott, W.	80

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Dowse 75 Perrine 75